Is it Almost Fall Already?

by Amy Huot, NE Chapter President

It’s hard to believe that Fall is right around the corner. Fall Fairs are starting, and it won’t be long before we’re seeing pumpkin added to everything imaginable! But that’s not all we’ll get to do here in New England. The NE Chapter has been busy planning some exciting things for all of you.

Our annual Fall Conference is quickly approaching, and we’ll get to that shortly. Before the conference, we’re excited to be introducing something new this year. We’ll be working with TEA to host regular webinars. Why are we doing this? To offer our members an opportunity to attend an educational session on a wide variety of topics from the comfort of your own office or home. Our first webinar will be held in September and will focus on Culture and Communications. We’ll send out more details as soon as they’re available. We’ll also post details and updates on Twitter, so be sure to follow @ESOPNe to stay up to date!

Have you registered for our Fall Conference being held in Mystic, CT this year? If you haven’t, I highly encourage you to register and reserve a room at the Mystic Marriott soon. We anticipate this event will sell out quickly! Proponent, the largest independently owned aircraft parts distribution company in the world, will be hosting attendees at their site located in Centerbrook, CT. Plan on a fun afternoon spent with the employee-owners while they tell you about what it’s like to work for a global ESOP company, how they focus on spreading the ESOP message, plus so much more. And they’ll probably throw in a few tidbits about planes... Two tours will be available with a delicious lunch being served between tours. Space is limited so be sure to watch for an email asking for you to sign up if you’re interested in attending. You must be registered for the conference first - another reason to register soon!

Thank you to everyone for your support in the New England Chapter. We appreciate you and all that you do to make the New England Chapter one of the best Chapters in the ESOP Association!

See you at the Conference!
Amy Huot
What’s Happening at Hypertherm?
by Melanie Matulonis (Marketing Communications - Hypertherm, NH)

• Hypertherm is applying for NE ESOP “Company of the Year”.
• Hypertherm was just named by Forbes as one of “America’s best mid-size employers” and #2 in the manufacturing category.
• NH Governor Sununu attended our time capsule event on June 14th (we unearthed a 2002 capsule and created a new one for our 50th anniversary). He did mention our ‘employee ownership’ in his speech.

Congressional Visit at Newport Harbor Corporation
by Anthony Boi (Director of Restaurants at Castle Hill Inn - Newport, Rhode Island)

On 8/14, Congressman Jim Langevin (D-RI) visited with Newport Harbor Corporation at one of their restaurants “Avvio” in Cranston, RI. The group had a casual roundtable discussion about our ESOP structure, story, and future. The Congressman was very interested and inquisitive, excited to learn about how the culture of Employee-Ownership has played a role in our company’s success, as well as how our company impacts the RI workforce and economy. He was joined by his Chief of Staff Seth Klaiman and Staff Assistant Samantha Sievers. NHC was represented by a collection of executives and employee-owners, who were all thrilled at the opportunity. We left his team with some stats and figures about ESOPs and bill HR 2092, and of course full stomachs.